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MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 30% ABOVE 2003 LEVEL

March 1 Stocks: Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 9.6 million hundredweight, 30% above the March 1, 2003 level, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 2.6 million hundredweight, up 37% from 2003 and stocks in Area 2 totaled 7.0 million hundredweight, up 27% from 2003.

MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION

Region 1/	March 1, 2003		March 1, 2004	
	Stocks 2002 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2003 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks
	1,000 Cwt		1,000 Cwt	
MN Area 1	1,900	26	2,600	27
MN Area 2	5,500	74	7,000	73
State Total	7,400	100	9,600	100

1/ Minnesota Area 1 includes the following counties: Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Beltrami, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Mahanomen, Norman, Clearwater, Clay, Becker and Wilkin counties. Minnesota Area 2 includes all remaining counties in the State.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on March 1, 2003-2004 ¹

State	Crop of 2002			Crop of 2003		
	Prod	Stocks Mar 1, 2003	% of Prod	Prod	Stocks Mar 1, 2004	% of Prod
	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	Percent	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	Percent
CA	4,264	2,000	47	3,444	1,800	52
CO	27,885	13,100	47	23,652	10,300	44
ID	133,385	62,000	46	123,180	58,000	47
ME	16,960	8,000	47	17,030	8,900	52
MI	13,878	4,500	32	15,015	4,700	31
MN	18,700	7,400	40	22,330	9,600	43
MT	3,224	2,800	87	3,339	2,900	87
NE ²	8,611			9,860		
NY	5,500	600	11	6,510	1,500	23
ND	23,460	10,000	43	27,440	13,000	47
OH ²	903			1,290		
OR	24,936	9,900	40	20,991	11,000	52
PA	2,590	600	23	3,915	700	18
WA	92,400	30,500	33	93,150	29,500	32
WI	31,125	11,000	35	32,800	11,000	34
Other Sts		2,910			3,790	
15 Sts	407,821	165,310	41	403,946	166,690	41

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt.

² Combined into "Other States".